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8. [redacted] Met briefly with Clark McFadden, Senate Armed Services Committee staff, and provided him with a copy of the Director's letter to Elmer Staats on the GAO audit issue. McFadden mentioned that copies of the Director's letter to Chairman John C. Stennis (D., Miss.) on the subject of the Soviet presence in the Indian Ocean were shown to members of the full committee at a meeting this morning. McFadden said Senator Stennis thought it was a good letter and it received no adverse criticism except by one member who took particular note of the section referring to the likelihood of proportionate Soviet reaction to any significant increase of U. S. presence in the area.

I talked to McFadden about developments in the House with respect to a Select Committee on Intelligence and we discussed the prospects for the establishment of a joint committee. In the course of this conversation McFadden restated a position I have previously heard Senator Stennis state personally, which is that he would not contest establishment of a joint committee on intelligence so long as the Armed Services Committee's legislative oversight of intelligence agencies is retained.

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